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**Eastern Massasauga Workshop**

Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Illinois, July 31, 2001. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have prepared a draft management plan for the eastern massasauga rattlesnake at Carlyle Lake, Illinois. The objective of this management plan is to locate, protect, enhance, and where appropriate, expand habitat suitable for hibernation, seasonal movements, foraging and reproduction of the eastern massasauga on Federal and state lands at Carlyle Lake, while allowing for continued flood damage reduction on the Kaskaskia River, domestic and industrial water supply, water quality enhancement, fish and wildlife conservation, hydropower, navigation and recreational use of the area as specified in the lake's authorization. The management plan will be available for public review and comment from August 1 to August 31, 2001. A paper copy can be obtained from the Carlyle Lake Project Office or the Eldon Hazlet State Park Office. The document is also be available on both the St. Louis Corps of Engineer's web page at [HTTP://WWW.MVS.USACE.ARMY.MIL](http://WWW.MVS.USACE.ARMY.MIL) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resource's web page at [HTTP://DNR.STATE.IL.US](http://DNR.STATE.IL.US). A public workshop will be held at the Carlyle Lake's Visitor Center on August 16 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For directions, call 618-594-2484. The workshop will have Corps, IDNR, and Fish and Wildlife Service personnel

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on hand to answer any questions and to take comments. Written comments can be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Thomas Kevin (PM-EA), 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis Missouri 63103-2833 or dropped off at the Carlyle Lake Project Office